

A SNAG IN THE WAY United States Has Public Works Title.

CAN the Legislature, in the event of its adoption of city and county government, secure control of Territorial public property without a special act of Congress? This is one of the most vexing problems likely to arise in the event that a county bill is passed at the next session. The title to every bit of public property in the Territory of Hawaii now rests with the United States Government and the likelihood seems to be that if new cities and counties are created by legislative enactment, they must start in the world without either money or property upon which a loan might be obtained.

Governor Dole is of the opinion that while transfers of roads and streets to counties and cities might be arranged, there would likely be considerable legal difficulty in making an exchange of such public works as the water-works, electric lighting plants, fish markets, and any property where the title was vested in the United States by the Newlands resolution, and the Organic Act.

The Newlands resolution provided that, "Whereas, the Government of the Republic of Hawaii, having in due form signified its consent, in the manner provided by its Constitution, to cede absolutely and without reserve to the United States of America all rights of sovereignty of whatsoever kind in and over the Hawaiian Islands and their dependencies, and also to cede and transfer to the United States the ABSOLUTE FEE AND OWNERSHIP OF ALL PUBLIC, GOVERNMENT OR CROWN LANDS, PUBLIC BUILDINGS OR EDIFICES, ports, harbors, military equipment, and ALL OTHER PUBLIC PROPERTY OF EVERY KIND BELONGING TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS, TOGETHER WITH EVERY RIGHT AND APPURTENANCE THEREUNTO PERTAINING," provided, etc. (here follows the provisions of annexation), in condition of which "All and singular the property and rights hereinbefore mentioned are VESTED IN THE UNITED STATES."

The Organic Act, referring to the same resolution, says "That the public property ceded and transferred to the United States by the Republic of Hawaii shall be and remain in the possession, use and control of the Government of the Territory of Hawaii and shall be maintained, managed and cared for by it, at its own expense, UNTIL OTHERWISE PROVIDED FOR BY CONGRESS, or taken for the uses and purposes of the United States by direction of the President or of the Governor of Hawaii."

Another provision of the Organic Act gives to the Superintendent of Public Works the same powers and duties as those held by him, and also those of the Minister of Interior which relate to streets and highways, harbor improvements, wharves, waterworks, electric light, power and telephone lines, public works, markets, parks, cemeteries, etc.

Governor Dole, as stated above, is of the opinion that roads and streets could be transferred to cities and counties without much trouble. "Public works, such as electric lighting plants, water works and public buildings, are held by the Territory as a trust for the United States," said the Governor. "The Territorial Government consists of judicial, legislative and executive departments; and these public works are for the use of the people of the Territory. Whether they could be transferred to cities and counties by the Legislature is a question that cannot be answered off-hand. There are many vexing legal problems involved and the title could hardly be transferred to municipalities, even if temporary possession could be given. Municipal and county government cannot be established in a day. There are many important questions first to be settled, and the simple adoption of the code of another state will not fit the conditions here."

WILL ADVERTISE HONOLULU AS A TOURIST RESORT Merchants Association May Decide Upon Plan for Maintaining a Bureau of Information.

AFTER a month of hard work considering the many plans submitted for the advertising of Honolulu with a view of securing a proper share of the tourist trade of the world for the islands, the committee of the Merchants' Association, to which was referred the matter recently has come to a conclusion. The association will consider the report at its next meeting and if the plan is adopted there will be maintained a permanent bureau for the sending broadcast of information which will bring hundreds of visitors to Honolulu.

The members of the committee refuse to discuss the report which they will make in advance of its being presented to the association, but it is known that members of the body have been casually made cognizant of it and the general conditions outlined. According to the reports the committee proposes to have maintained in Honolulu an official of the association who will act as information agent for the dissemination of all kinds of intelligence which would attract the attention of intending tourists so that their steps might be turned to these shores.

The principal proposition before the committee was one to maintain an office in San Francisco for the purpose of spreading all varieties of information and catching the tourists who may be in California, for the purpose of sending them on down here or so impressing them that they will arrange their tour

for the next year to include these islands. The plan met with much approval as outlined in an interview with Chairman Rothwell in The Advertiser, but the burden of the opinion secured rather favored the maintenance of the bureau here, and the sending to the various tourist agencies and the railroads of the United States such facts as would draw attention to the islands in general, and thus promote tours here.

The plan is said to embrace the making of connections with the general passenger agents of the main lines, so that there might be secured an arrangement for the sending of excursions here during the entire year, and it will be further fixed that these may be personally conducted at this end if the agencies wish that addition to the facilities. There would be embraced as well the securing of a mass of descriptive matter which would be spread by broadcast, and which would be kept by the recipient, so that it would be a permanent advertisement.

Arrangements were made yesterday by Walter Weedon, who shortly leaves for the mainland for a lecture tour, for a most complete assortment of views for use during his trip. He has been able to get a set of the pictures made by Williams recently at the volcano and shown in this city, as well as large views of the Volcano House and this city, including the buildings. All of these will be framed and placed on exhibition when the lecturer reaches any city and kept on view during his stay.

PINEAPPLES ARRIVING BY THE MILLION

IT IS A fact significant both of its commercial enterprise and of its prosperity that New York City consumes more and greater variety of fruit in proportion to its population than does any other community on the globe. To its markets are shipped the fruits of all lands and climates, and they find there a ready sale. It rejects the fruiters that the demand in the metropolis for these bounties of nature is yearly increasing. Both as a luxury and as an aid to health the use of fruit is continually extending.

Each fruit, whether domestic or foreign, arrives here and predominates in its proper season. Just now the pineapple season is at its height. Pineapples are brought to this city in greater or lesser quantities during ten months of the year. The heaviest shipments usually take place in April and May, but drought delayed the growth and maturing of the crop of 1902 and so May and June became the heavy months of this year. The fruit comes from several localities, but Cuba is the principal producer. The crop in that island this year is estimated at nearly 200,000 barrels, or a total of about 14,000,000 pines. Florida is expected to furnish about half as much, and the Bahamas about 5,000,000, making a total of nearly 25,000,000 pines to be marketed in the United States.

The season for Florida pines doesn't open until June 15th or 20th, so that it does not ordinarily interfere with the Cuban trade, and most of the product of the Bahamas is sent in sailing vessels to Baltimore, where it is wanted for canning purposes. Porto Rico, it is stated, cuts no great figure in the matter of pineapples. The present season is said to be only a fair one for pineapples in Cuba. In the Bahamas it is claimed that the crop, though of good quality, is forty per cent. short of the average and only eighty per cent. of last year's value.

The greater part of the supply at this port comes from Cuba, and the steamers of the Ward Line, running from Havana to New York, have been for the past few weeks bringing large cargoes of this fruit, delivering them here in three days from Havana. One vessel recently transported 24,000 barrels and crates, which seems to be the season's record, and others have brought as high as 20,000, the highest total being considerably over 1,000,000 pines. As indicative of the brisk demand for the fruit, it may be mentioned that a Front Street firm which had 7,000 packages consigned to it on one boat, sold them all at auction in twenty minutes.

Mr. Willis A. Hutchison, vice-president of the A. G. Hutchison Company, who makes annual trips to Cuba to inspect the pineapple plantations, says that the cultivation of pineapples on the island is limited almost entirely to the vicinity of Havana and some forty miles of the outlying country. The pineapple plants, he states, are only two or three feet high, are grown in rows a short distance apart, and as each plant bears only one pine per season vast tracts have to be utilized in the production of a good-sized crop. The plant is a bearer for only three seasons, so that the plantations have to be frequently renewed.

The plants are propagated by means of slips and shoots. As the hot sun is injurious to the young plants, banana trees are set throughout the field to provide the necessary shade. The leaves of the plants are cactus-like and care is required to avoid being torn by them as one passes between the rows. The fruit, also, has to be handled cautiously by those who cut it from the plant. The pines when gathered on the plantations are carted to Havana and disposed of to dealers, placed in storehouses, and from there shipped to New York.

The fruit can be grown at a moderate profit when the producer receives for it fifteen cents per dozen. The producers have been getting twenty cents per dozen this year, so that they are doing pretty well. Mr. Hutchison claims that the pineapples produced in Cuba surpass those of any other country in juiciness and flavor, and accounts for this by saying that the soil of Cuba is inexhaustibly rich and fertile, while the soils of the Bahamas and Florida are light and thin and need continual fertilizing.

The pineapple industry in Cuba and elsewhere gives employment to a large and growing number of people. Americans have taken hold of it with characteristic energy and success, and a fine future is predicted for it. In the Bahamas the industry is broadening so rapidly and the call for new plants from Cuba and Florida is so extensive that the colonial legislature has imposed an export duty on them. Considerable canning of the fruit is done in the Bahamas, but this part of the business is threatened with a setback by the apparent intention of the American customs authorities to so construe the law as to increase the duty on the canned fruit ten per cent.

So greatly have the production of pineapples and the facilities for shipping them increased during the past decade or two that there has been a corresponding reduction in the price to the consumer. Americans have never been obliged to pay the fancy figure of \$1.00 to \$1.50 per pine which has been paid in England, where the fruit is regarded as a rare delicacy, but the price was formerly much higher here than at present. Pineapples retail in New York City at fifteen to forty cents each, and at times for less. The wholesale price at recent auctions was \$1.75 to \$2.00 per crate and 4¢ to 10¢ cents per pine by the barrel.

The pineapple is advancing in public favor not only because of its table qualities, which are familiar to all, but also because of its medicinal value. Extracts from the fruit now have a regular place in the materia medica. The juice is a promoter of digestion, a remedy for dyspepsia, bronchitis, and lung troubles, and even for the tape-worm. About half the total importations of pineapples into this country are used by confectioners for making candy, and manufacturers of drugs for preserving. A Detroit chemist has also succeeded in obtaining a champagne-like wine from the fruit, but in that respect the grape seems still to be holding its own.



NOW is the summer of My Lady's discontent, for there are no social worlds to conquer during the hot spell, but fate has given her an opportunity to make ready for the coming fray this fall. There is promise of much social activity commencing in September, when several marriages are to be celebrated, and it is rumored that there are just a few more engagements to be announced before that time which will keep Cupid busy making notches on his bow.

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Ahlo gave a most enjoyable riding party on Thursday evening at Waikiki. After the ride, which the moonlight made most delightful, the company repaired to the cottage occupied for the present by the Ahlos, and a delicious supper was served on the lawn. Little tables placed here and there made the affair quite picturesque and jolly. Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. Marx, Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Wilder, Mr. and Mrs. Porter Boyd, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Hawes, Jr., Miss Freda White, Miss Lillian Bacon, Miss Ella Stansbury, Miss Nellie White, Dr. McAdory, U. S. A., Mr. Wright, Mr. Lowell and Mr. Carter.

Miss Lily Stokes was the hostess of a jolly party at the Annex on Thursday evening.

Miss Cunha entertained at dinner in honor of Miss Little at the Moana Hotel on Friday evening.

Mr. John A. Bliss has returned from an outing at the Waialua Hotel and is again at the Hawaiian Hotel.

The engagement was announced during the week of Mrs. E. W. Holdsworth and Mr. L. G. Blackman.

Mrs. F. W. Smith (nee McCully) was the hostess on Tuesday evening at the Annex, Waikiki, of a delightful bathing party, followed by a luncheon served on the surf house lanai. Among the guests were: Mrs. McCully Higgins, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Lake, Judge and Mrs. Galbraith, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Hawes, Mrs. Belle Lyons Davis, Misses Cooke, Miss Austin, Miss Kate Kelly, Miss Downing, Miss Ada Whitney, Miss Rice, Mrs. Lowrey, Miss Hyde, Miss Bishop, Miss Combs, Messrs. W. J. Kolmar, R. Lydecker, Easton, John Stokes, Will Love, Pilgrim, John Austin, A. B. Watson, A. N. Campbell, Eugene Campbell, Hendricks and F. W. Smith.

Hon. H. E. Cooper and son Alfred leave in the Alameda for the Coast. Young Cooper will enter the University of California.

Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey, who have been stopping at the Moana Hotel, are visiting the Waialua Hotel for a few days.

Among the guests at the Moana are two Austrian gentlemen, the freres Schick, who are making a visit of two or three weeks in Honolulu during their tour of the world.

Mr. and Mrs. Abernethy and Miss Abernethy of Kansas City are guests at the Moana Hotel for a week or so en route from the Orient to the mainland.

The new tennis court which the Teneys are making in their extensive premises on Lunalihi street will afford a gathering place for a coterie of lovers of the game, and add another feature of entertainment to their pleasant home which cannot help being appreciated.

Mons. Vizavona, the French Consul, entertained at luncheon on Monday on the occasion of the celebration of the fall of the Bastille, Father Matthias, Father Clement, Father Valentin, Brother Bertram, Brother Thomas and Senor Canavaro, the Portuguese Consul.

Miss Cunha was hostess last evening at a delightful dinner given in the private dining room of the Moana Hotel, the guest of honor being Miss Little, who has been a visitor in Honolulu for some time. The room was filled with plants and palms in charming contrast to the table decorations, which were mostly of red carnations, interspersed with maiden hair ferns. Suspended above the board was a canopy of red leis. The table cover of white tulle was studded with electric globes with red shades. After the dinner the guests were entertained in the reception parlor with music. Mrs. Annis Montague Turner contributing pleasantly to the occasion with vocal selections. Miss Little sang in a captivating manner and Mrs. Walter Hoffmann was also in splendid voice. The guests were: Miss Little, Mrs. Little, Mr. and Mrs. McClanahan, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Hawes, Jr., Mrs. Annis Montague Turner, Dr. and Mrs. F. H. Humphris, Dr. and Mrs. Walter Hoffmann, Miss Ward, Mrs. Lewis, Miss Lillian Bacon, Mons. Vizavona, Senor Canavaro, Robert Shingle, J. Tarn McGrew, Charles Doyle, A. Lewis, Jr., A. R. Cunha, Mr. Irvine.

Walter F. Dillingham is giving a house party at Mokuleia for Miss Lily Spreckels. There have been many entertainments for her, one of the most pleasant being the hay ride given by Mrs. Dr. J. T. McGrew on Wednesday evening. There was a great wagon load of young people, and after driving about the city a collation was served at the McGrew home on Hackfeld street.

The Misses Girard conducted a party of young people up to the heights of Tantalus last evening, army wagons drawn by good old army mules being

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WALTER RENTON DIES FROM WOUND

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Shocks.

Walter Renton, son of Manager Renton of Ewa plantation, died yesterday morning at 10 o'clock at the residence of his father. The youth never rallied from the shock of the wound and the operation and his death came not unexpectedly to the watchers at his bedside.

The lad had been for some time suffering from an attack of malarial fever and had a high temperature, and thus was not in condition to resist the shock of the shot and the knife.

It had been the intention of the family to leave at once for the mountains for the benefits of the higher altitude, and the death of the son will change the plans.

The funeral of William Walter, third son of George F. and Kate Renton, of Ewa plantation, will take place this (Saturday) afternoon. The funeral train will leave Ewa at 1:15 p. m. and is due at the Honolulu depot at 2:15 p. m. Interment will be at Nuanu cemetery. Friends of the family are invited to attend.

The party had supper at the Cooper cottage and returned to town again about midnight.

The Tennys and the Willard Browns are spending the month at Haleiwa Hotel at Waialua. There are several merry parties there almost every evening and the entertainments are many and attractive.

Mrs. H. W. Lake was hostess on Wednesday evening at a farewell outing party spent in launches in the harbor, followed by dancing on the lanais of the Commandant's office at the Naval Station. Ellis' quintet gave Hawaiian music aloft and ashore. The naval building was handsomely decorated with flags and bunting. Punch and light refreshments were served throughout the evening and it was at a late hour when the guests reluctantly departed from the scene of so much gaiety. Among the guests were: Mr. Little, Mr. and Mrs. Hays, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Smith, Mrs. McCully Higgins, Miss Mae Little, Miss Lillian Bacon, Misses Reynolds, Misses Girard, Miss Roth, Miss Downing, Miss Davis, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Chase, Miss Stokes, Admiral Merry, U. S. N.; Captain Couden, U. S. N.; Lieutenant Upham, U. S. N.; Paymaster Brown, U. S. N.; Lieutenant Signor, U. S. N.; Lieutenant Newton, U. S. A.; Lieutenant Robinson, U. S. A.; C. Arthur Mackintosh, Charles Dole, Frank Thompson Southard Hoffman, A. R. Cunha, Mr. Love, H. W. Lake, H. Robinson, Dr. High, Captain Pierce, U. S. A.; Dr. McAdory, U. S. A.; Fred Angus.



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